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1. A brigade of G-6 motor torpedo boats is stationed at Kapenieki, a spot located about two kilometers southwest of the small harbor of Pavilosta (56-53N, 21-11E), Latvian SSR. Kapenieki, which was formerly a farm, is located on a small bay on the Baltic Sea, and in 1949 a breakwater was built at the entrance of the bay, which was developed as a base for shallow-draft Soviet speedboats. The G-6 motor torpedo boat (motorny torpedny kater) weighs about 42 tons, has speed of 38 to 40 knots, and is about 26 meters long, 4.5 meters wide, and of unknown draft. The boat is armed with three 53 mm torpedoes and four 13 mm machine guns. A brigade of such motor torpedo boats is composed of forty-eight vessels, and includes four divisions of twelve boats which are further divided into units (zveno) of four boats each.
2. A special division of MO patrol boats is located at Pavilosta and is part of the MVD coast guard system. This division (otdelnyy divizion) is an independent unit which has no connection with the unit mentioned above, and is controlled by the Ministry of the Interior. It is the usual practice for such special MVD coast guard units to be controlled by the Ministry of the Interior, but to be subordinate to the fleet staff of the area; this particular unit is rumored to be controlled completely by the MVD. This special division at Pavilosta is about fifty percent larger than the usual division and includes from sixteen to eighteen vessels. The MO boats weigh 56 tons, are 26 meters long, 4 meters wide and draw 1.2 meters. They have speed of 24 knots, and are armed with one 45 mm gun and two 13 mm machine guns. It is also known that the Soviet Union has an improved model of this same boat, the MO-4, which has speed of 26 knots, two 45 mm guns and is 27 meters long, 4 meters wide and draws 1.5 meters.

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